That is a goodly number already undertaken and similar work of providing wells will go on steadily. The whole thing cannot be done in a day. So also the question of irrigation channels is engaging the attention of the Chief Engineer and as much as possible is being done.

In the matter of opening of dispensaries—here too, I think it is unnecessary for me to read out the list of what Agastiswaram taluk is provided in this matter.

There are 6 institutions for medical relief in this one taluk alone. I shall commend to the Administrative Board, Medical Services, the question of transferring Kottaram dispensary to some other suitable site which you say will be a more central place.

In the matter of opening of grazing grounds, as you are aware, as far as possible reserves which could be thrown open for grazing have been thrown open free of cost to the cattle of Travancoreans. There are very few other suitable lands fit for grazing grounds and in any case it is undesirable that lands everywhere should be thrown open to bring about deterioration of the cattle of Travancore. I therefore would commend to your consideration the planting of fodder for cattle in a part of your own lands and also the stall-feeding of cattle.

As for the free grant of manure leaves from the forest, this has been done as far as possible. But we cannot allow people simply to go into the forest and do as they please. There should be a certain amount of control. As a result of the representation made at the last session of the Assembly I am having an order prepared allowing ryots to remove leaf manure from porambokes free of cost, as an experiment for one year from 1105.

133. Needs of Thiruvattar.

MR. V. NILACANTAN ASAN (*Member, Nominated*) spoke on the following needs of Thiruvattar :

The foot-path from Kankara near the Thiruvattar Magistrate's court to the Thripparappu market should be converted into a public road, as also the foot-path from Kuruvikad on the Kankara-Thripparappu trace to Kulasekharam. These foot-paths should not be treated under the ordinary ryots' roads rules and the ryots asked to surrender lands free of cost.

The tanks in S. No. 1691 (Palkulam) and in S. No. 1483 (Kotturchirakulam) in the Thiruvattar pakuthi should be improved.

An evening market should be established in the Kolvel Desom. The *Poramboke* site in S. No. 1579 might be utilised for the purpose. If this site was not sufficiently extensive, the owners of the neighbouring lands were prepared to surrender the lands.

DEWAN'S REPLY: The roads that you mentioned will come up before the Roads Boards. In regard to the tanks, the question of their

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improvement will be taken up. The site for the evening market comprises 19 cents of which 16 cents are road poramboke and the remaining 3 cents alone are available for the market which is too small an area. The Dewan Peishkar will dispose of the question.

134. Needs of the Trivandrum taluk.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Member, Nominated*) spoke on the following needs of the Trivandrum town :

A road should be constructed from near the police station at Kazhakuttom to the beach. The necessary lands were acquired for the road long ago but nothing more was done.

The Kalpalakadavu bridge should be repaired. This was an important bridge in the town over which much motor traffic was being carried on daily.

At least a wooden bridge should be constructed across the canal midway between Chakai and Kalpalakadavu. There were about five hundred houses on either side of the canal in this place. There were also about a hundred shops on the eastern bank of the canal, that is, on the Karali road. People residing on one side of the canal could now pass to the other side only by a very circuitous route and it was a well known fact that they were put to great difficulties in this matter. In order to remedy this, a bridge should be put up at some place midway between Chakai and Kalpalakadavu.

Drains should be provided for many roads in the town. The municipality was too poor to undertake the work. Whenever resolutions were passed by the Municipal Council and communicated to Government requesting them to arrange for the construction of some drain or other Government did not take any notice of the resolutions. It was the duty of Government to provide drains wherever necessary. Some of the roads in need of drains were those from Pulimudu to Vanchiyur, from Vettimuricha Fort Gate to the Attakulangarai junction and from Cantonment Mosque junction to Chakai and also the Koshi lane and the Karuppattikada market road.

The roads and drains in the town with the funds required for their maintenance should be transferred to the control of the municipality. Under the control of the Public Works Department, due attention was not being paid to the maintenance of the drains and roads in good condition. At times there was also conflict of opinion between the municipality and the P. W. D. in regard to the necessity for drains and roads at particular places. These could be avoided if the municipality was made responsible for the work. They had already a P. W. D. Officer under them. One or two more engineers could be appointed if that was necessary.

The road from Petta to Katakampalli should be extended as far as Veli.

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